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BIBLE THOUGHT

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kinder hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.  
—From In Memoriam

The Year Ahead

THIS year none can say lightly, "Happy New Year". To the usual wish is added the hope that this New Year brings peace, and that goodwill which is essential to peace—anywhere and everywhere.

Right-thinking men and women welcome the efforts of the President of the United States to unite all religious forces for peace in a practical way. Through their official leaders, Catholics, Protestants and Jews have responded promptly to President Roosevelt's recent appeal that their spiritual strength be united in a solid front to all other forces working for peace in the world.

That this action is born of dire necessity becomes more apparent as the insanity of war unfolds from day to day. A new power can be created through such a unity born of "the love of truth and right" and of "the common love of good". One thing is certain: that, until Christians forget their differences through an overwhelming common aim, there will never be realized Tennyson's immortal New Year's wish—

"Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace."

Holiday Casualties

MORE than the usual number of casualties have occurred during the holidays to sadden many homes in Macon county. While some were celebrating with family gatherings and Christmas giving, others faced tragedy in the violent deaths of loved ones. The sympathy of those who have been blessed this season with joy and happiness goes out to their neighbors who have suffered through some disaster.

There are always accidents that could not have been foreseen. Others are caused by those evils that are as unnecessary as they are tragic. This knowledge comes too late to save present unfortunate victims. Every one of these cases should be met with increased determination on the part of the law and other forces that make for the welfare of the humblest citizen, that these causes be studied and removed. But further than this, new influences for good must be supplied if crime and misery are to be supplanted by wholesome conditions.

Greetings to The Thomasville Tribune

THE star of another weekly newspaper has risen in North Carolina's firmament. The Thomasville Tribune published its first issue on December 13, announcing that the first official edition will appear January 2, 1940.

Thomasville is an important industrial town, distinguished for the manufacture of chairs—more chairs than any other town in the United States. Situated in a thriving manufacturing section near High Point, Thomasville is far enough from Lexington, the county seat of Davidson, to offer a wide field of service to a live weekly paper.

Our best wishes are extended to the publisher, W. A. Kennedy; the editor, C. T. Brumfield; and the business manager, R. Hoy Whitlow.

Student Publications

THE Mountain Trail and The Mountain Echo, monthly mimeographed publications of the Highlands and Franklin high schools, respectively, deserve recognition.

This we are hereby giving, along with our congratulations to these contemporaries and to their budding journalists. There are articles varied in subject and well written; with a good proportion of well laid out advertisements. Poetry and art are present, done with a light and sure touch. We cannot resist singling out for honorable mention one little poem that is evidently written by a little girl—"Christmas Tree Time" by Fay Reese of the third grade of the Highlands school.

National Guard Tests N. Y. Anti-Aircraft Defense



National Guardsmen of Battery D, 212th coast artillery unit, only National Guard anti-aircraft unit in New York state, load a three-inch, super-powered gun, one of 325 ordered by the government. The new weapons, which would defend New York city in case of air attack, have a three-inch bore, fire a 28-pound projectile containing 253 one-half-inch lead pellets, and can fire 30 shells a minute. Guns were tested at Fort Tilden, Rockaway beach, New York city. It was the first time since 1917 that a N. Y. National Guard regiment held winter maneuvers.

Press Comment

FORCES FOR PEACE

(From Atlanta Constitution)

While no one who believes in human liberty can hope for peace in Europe while the power of Nazism is uncurbed and while the forces of Stalinism remain free to commit, at will, such crimes as the attempted rape of Finland, there is tangible evidence that the forces of peace, in this world, are steadily gaining power. They are gathering strength for that day, bound to come, when the creating of peace shall supersede the making of war as man's principal pre-occupation.

Pope Pius XII offers to the statesmen of the warring nations a program as a basis for the "just and honorable peace" that must, some day, be achieved if Christian civilization is not to perish.

At Christmas time thousands pray in Bethlehem that the power of a Christ who taught a gospel of love shall again prevail and true peace come again to a distraught world.

The President of the United States, a nation founded and maintained upon the principle of religious freedom, appoints a personal representative at the Vatican, to work together with all the forces for good, with the heads of the Christian churches of all creeds, for lasting peace.

Men of all Christian faiths, of all creeds, together with men who profess no church affiliation yet seek the ideals of righteous understanding one with another, may surely join without rancor, without jealousy, in a cause so great.

The time may not yet be propitious, the hour not yet come, when lasting peace may be achieved. There are forces in the world that depend not upon honor and faith, but upon betrayal and deceit to gain their ends. Such forces must be rendered powerless and removed from the control of peoples, before peace can come.

Yet, if there remains in the collective heart of the Christian world one scintilla of faith in the religion it professes and in the teachings of the Christ it seeks to follow, the true and lasting peace must, someday, come.

In the making of that peace it is but fitting and right that religious differences be forgotten and the Christian world unite as one in the service of the Prince of Peace. The appointment of a Presidential representative at the Vatican as an envoy of peace, even though it prove, by events, but a gesture, is yet a great contribution to the cause. For it demonstrates a readiness on the part of this nation to accept every chance, every opportunity, to bring war to an end.

Its significance can best be understood by a study of the reactions of the various warring powers. Everywhere it was acclaimed and, without exception, accepted as the outstanding news of the season.

War is in the saddle. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride once more. The apostles of ruthless force are decreeing destruction, suffering and fearing death for tens of thousands of the helpless. Free peoples are made slave nations and the gospel of love and human brotherhood, preached so long ago upon the shores of Galilee, is sneered at and laughed to scorn.

Yet the day is coming, most surely, when freedom shall again be won by mankind and when the forces of peace shall triumph over the hosts of war. When that day comes pray the peacemakers shall speak with one voice, that there shall be no weakening schism in their ranks.

'Coed' Charmers



A lavish application of make-up transforms members of Princeton university's Triangle club into chorines for their annual stage show. Hairy-chested Hubert Reese paints that "come-hither" look on Gordon Bent's face.

Muse's Corner

AT SUNRISE HOUR

At sunrise hour I pray,  
Strengthen my heart  
To bear this mountain beauty  
Through the day.  
At night this my request:  
Lift from my heart,  
Lift from my dreams this beauty—  
Let me rest!

MAN

Man—a thought from the mind of God  
Whispered into a lump of clay;  
A throb of His heart that has found its way.  
To tarry and sing in a crumbling clod.  
Charlotte Young.

Esso To Reward New Year Babies

In connection with the recent introduction of two new products, Esso and Esso Extra the Esso marketers propose to pay \$5.00 dollars to every baby born in our marketing area on January 1, 1940. In the event twins are born each twin will receive \$100.00. In case of triplets each triplet will receive \$250.00. Quadruplets and quintuplets will be awarded \$1,000 and \$5,000 each respectively. In each case these awards will be made in the form of a savings bank account to the credit of the baby.

There is nothing complex about this. All the parents have to do to qualify is to present a copy of a birth certificate at any savings bank of his or her choice and the account will be opened immediately. In the 18 states and the District of Columbia in which Esso operates there are an average of 3,000 births daily. Of these there are an average of 35 twin births and one triplet birth.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband and father, H. D. Dean, and for the beautiful flowers.

MRS. H. D. DEAN  
AND CHILDREN

Forty-eight out of 50 Henderson county growers report that they have increased their crop yields since becoming unit demonstration farmers.

Elijay

By MISS HAZEL AMMONS

Mrs. Vance Jennings has been confined to her bed with influenza for the past two weeks, but is some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Young and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Young and little son, Bobby, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Young, of the Mountain Grove section.

Bill Keener is confined to his bed at Mr. and Mrs. Allen Adams' with inflammatory rheumatism. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Misses Edna and Kathleen Henry, Martha Higdon, Stella Coggins and Cora Fox, from the D. A. K. school in Lanessee, S. C., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents. Also Miss Annetta Greer, from the same school, came home with Miss Henry to spend the holidays.

Lloyd and Woodrow Webb, from Fucapan, S. C., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Webb.

Parker Clouse spent Christmas with his wife on Tesenta.

Mr. and Mrs. Peet Rogers, of Buck Creek, were visiting his brother, Claud Rogers, last week-end.

Mr. and T. B. Higdon, of the Hiwassee Dam, were visitors of Mrs. Higdon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haskett, last week-end. Mrs. C. G. Mincey and Mrs. Fred Mincey were in Franklin shopping Friday.

Miss Emma Ammons and Miss Hallie Southards spent Sunday night with Miss Fannie Mae Dilard at Mountain Grove.

Francis C. Cary is spending the holidays with his home folks in Washington, D. C., but is expected back soon to his mines on Elijay.

Fred Buchanan is visiting his daughter, Hazel, in Canton this week.

Mavis Young was visiting her brother, Weymer Young, of Rabbit Creek, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Carrie Henry.

Walter Henry, from Winston-Salem, came in for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry.

We are glad to have the WPA men working on our road.

Otto

By MISS JOSEPHINE BRADLEY

The Ladies' Aid of the Asbury church entertained with a fire-balling at the Otto school house Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Yuell Bradley entertained a large crowd of their friends and relatives December 25 with a birthday celebration in honor of Mr. Bradley's and his brother, Clennie's, birthday.

Mrs. Ella Posey, of Walhalla, S. C., spent a few days at the home of her father, J. B. Dryman, due to the death of her mother.

Miss Hazel Bradley, who is attending Brevard college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Poindexter, of Franklin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Angel the past week-end.

Miss Kate Moffitt, of Western Carolina Teachers' college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Misses Ruby and Ruth Seagle, of Gastonia, are spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seagle.

Estis Hannah, of the U. S. navy, stationed at Macon, Ga., spent the week-end at home.

DECLINE

A marked decline in farms lost through foreclosures in the last five years as well as a continuance in the decline of farm-mortgage debt have been reported by the U. S. department of agriculture.

FROM A SHUT-IN

I want to thank my many friends from Washington to Franklin and all other parts, for the nice presents and beautiful Christmas cards I have received. I also want to thank my neighbors for their kindness to me during my sickness.  
MRS. J. B. COLLINS.

A device for detecting spikes and other metal objects buried in logs, frequent cause of serious sawmill accidents, has been developed by the U. S. forest service.

Federal and state research agencies are renewing attempts to adapt sheep types to the region or sections in which they are being produced so as to produce superior animals.

Macon Theatre

Night Shows 7:00 and 9:00  
Matinees 3:30 P. M.  
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29  
JOE PENNER IN  
"THE DAY THE BOOKIES WEPT"  
With: BETTY GRABLE  
Also: "ZORRO'S FIGHTING LEGION"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Double Feature Program  
NANCY DREW AND  
"THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE"  
With BONITA GRANVILLE  
FRANK THOMAS  
And  
CHARLES STARRETT IN  
"OUTPOST OF THE MOUNTAINS"

SUNDAY MIDNIGHT, DEC. 31

KAY KYSER  
ADOLPHE MENJOU In  
"THAT'S WRIGHT YOU'RE WRONG"  
With: MARY ROBSON  
LUCILLE BALL  
DENNIS O'KEEFE  
AND KAY KYSER'S BAND  
Come and Get a Load of Laughter  
AND START THE  
NEW YEAR WRIGHT

MON.-TUES., JANUARY 1-2

MYRNA LOY  
WILLIAM POWELL In  
"ANOTHER THIN MAN"  
With: RUTH HUSSEY  
VIRGINIA GRAY

WED.-THURS., JAN. 3-4

KAY KYSER  
ADOLPHE MENJOU In  
"THAT'S WRIGHT YOU'RE WRONG"  
With: MARY ROBSON  
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If you want our weekly program mailed to you, please leave name at Box Office.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Walter M. Arnold and Mary Arnold, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of December, 1940, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 27th day of December, 1939.  
LESTER L. ARNOLD,  
Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina,  
Macon County.  
In The Superior Court  
The Federal Land Bank of Columbia,  
vs.  
W. N. Grist and wife, Willie Mae Grist, Ivan Owens, Frank Binson, Spurgeon Owens, Mrs. Georgia Anderson, Stover Mason, Ray Dryman, Jack Wilburn, Carl Allen, and Radford Wilson.

The defendants, W. N. Grist, Willie Mae Grist, Carl Allen, and Spurgeon Owens, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to the end that the plaintiff may foreclose a contract of sale covering lands in which the above named defendants claim an interest, and the above named defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear within thirty days in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.  
This the 27th day of December, 1939.

HARLEY R. CABE,  
Clerk Superior Court  
Macon County, North Carolina  
D28-4tc-J18